

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2377–S2464

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2177–2186, S. Res. 312–316, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Page S2440**

Measures Reported:

S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–228)

S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–229)

S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–230)

S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–231)

S. 960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–232)

S. 1107, to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–233)

S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–234)

S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, act-

ing through the commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–235)

S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. (S. Rept. No. 108–236)

S. 1577, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming. (S. Rept. No. 108–237)

S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the, Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–238)

S. 2178, to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs. (S. Rept. No. 108–239)

H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. (S. Rept. No. 108–240)

H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. (S. Rept. No. 108–241)

H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes. (S. Rept. No. 108–242)

H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas. (S. Rept. No. 108–243)

H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California. (S. Rept. No. 108–244) **Page S2439**

Measures Passed:

Commending Initial Responders: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, commending the bravery of the initial responders in the Baltimore Harbor water taxi accident of March 6, 2004. **Pages S2403–04**

Commemorating the Late President of Macedonia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, commemorating and honoring President Boris Trajkovski. **Pages S2456–57**

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, designating March 8, 2004, as "International Women's Day". **Pages S2457–59**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, designating April 2004 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Pages S2459–61**

Child Abuse Awareness: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 299, recognizing, and supporting efforts to enhance the public awareness of, the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2461**

Greek Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 308, designating March 25, 2004, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2461**

Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2377–S2403, S2404–23**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 33), Conrad Amendment No. 2704, to establish a 60-vote point of order against the consideration of any direct spending or revenue legislation that would increase the on-budget deficit in any fiscal year until the budget is balanced without counting Social Security surpluses. **Pages S2384–S2403, S2404–07**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 34), Daschle Amendment No. 2710, to create a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Veterans' medical care by \$2.7 billion and lower the national debt by reducing the President's tax breaks for taxpayers with incomes in excess of \$1 million a year. **Pages S2411–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004; provided further, that there be 27 hours equally divided remaining for debate under the statutory limit. **Page S2462**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Taxation Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 108–14). **Pages S2461–62**

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Privilege of the Floor: **Page S2456**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—34) **Pages S2407, S2423**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2462.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: BORDER AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border and transportation security, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing in open and closed sessions to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony

from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on military readiness programs, after receiving testimony from General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps, Plans, Policies, and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2056, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, with amendments;

S. 1164, to provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess, and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change; and

The nominations of Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, and W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, and sundry nominations in the Coast Guard.

WESTERN WATER SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Power and Water concluded a hearing to examine water supply issues in the arid West, focusing on the role of the Federal Government in managing and enhancing water resources, after receiving testimony from Bennett W. Raley, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Floyd Gaibler, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, USA, Commander, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Louis Uccellini, Director, National Cen-

ters for Environmental Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Craig Bell, Western States Water Council, Midvale, Utah; and Tex G. Hall, New Town, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1306 and H.R. 1446, bills to introduce the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Baranov Museum in Kodiak, Alaska, for potential inclusion in the National Park System, and S.1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representative Farr; P. Daniel Smith, Special Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mayor Carolyn Floyd, City of Kodiak, Alaska; Walter Costlow, South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club Historical Preservation Society, St. Michael, Pennsylvania; Barry W. Lynn, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and Cynthia C. Kelly, Atomic Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen T. Hearst, Board of the California Missions Foundation, San Francisco.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's international trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Zoellick, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the transition

to sovereignty relating to Iraq from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Francis J. Ricciardone, Ambassador to the Philippines, Coordinator for Iraq Transition, and Major General Charles E. Williams, USA (Ret.), Director, Overseas Buildings Operations, all of the Department of State; and Lieutenant General Claude Kicklighter, U.S. Army (Ret.), CPA Transition Chief, Baghdad, Iraq.

POSTAL REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on sustaining the 9 million jobs in the \$900 billion mailing industry, after receiving testimony from Ann S. Moore, Time, Inc., New York, New York; Mark Angelson, RR Donnelley, Chicago, Illinois; Christopher W. Bradley, Cuddledown, Inc., Portland, Maine; Max Heath, Landmark Community Papers, Shelbyville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Newspaper Association; William J. Ihle, Bear Creek Corporation, Medford, Oregon, on behalf of Harry and David and Jackson and Perkins; and Shelley Dreifuss, Postal Rate Commission, Washington, D.C.

YEAR ROUND COLLEGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advantages and impediments in relation to a year round college calendar, focusing on the costs of higher education, financial aid, Pell Grants, and Stafford Loans, after receiving testimony from Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; India McKinney, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Michael L. Lomas, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the United Negro College Fund; Virginia S.

Hazen, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Margaret Heisel, University of California, Berkeley.

ERIC AND BRIAN SIMON ACT

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1509, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, after receiving testimony Douglas B. Simon and Eric M. Simon, both of Veseli, Minnesota.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new Medicare drug discount card, focusing on consumer savings, beneficiary education, implementation and outreach to low-income seniors, and how the new cards will work with existing discount programs, after receiving testimony from Dennis Smith, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Craig L. Fuller, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Alexandria, Virginia; Forest Harper, Pfizer, Inc., New York, New York; and James Firman, National Council on Aging, Karen Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, and Mark Merritt, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3914–3924; and; 1 resolution, H. Res. 551, were introduced.

Pages H926–27

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, amended (H. Rept. 108–433);

H.R. 3717, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, amended (H. Rept. 108–434); and

H. Res. 552, providing for consideration of H.R. 339, to prevent frivolous lawsuits against the manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of food or non-alcoholic beverage products that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements (H. Rept. 108–435).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burns to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H877**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H879**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Sense of the House regarding the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo Co., CA on 12/22/03: H. Res. 519, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo, Co., CA, on 12/22/03, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 42;

Pages H881–83, H893–94

Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3536, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office"; **Pages H883–84**

Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3537, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office"; **Pages H884–85**

Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3538, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office"; **Pages H885–87**

Congratulating the Detroit Shock: H. Res. 392, congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association championship, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 43; and

Pages H887–888, H894–95

Congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes: H. Res. 475, congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 44. **Pages H888–90, H895**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 10.

Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act: S. 1881, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections re-

lating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002; and

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Sense of Congress that "Kids Love a Mystery" is a program that works and should be encouraged: H. Con. Res. 373, expressing the sense of Congress that Kids Love a Mystery is a program that promotes literacy and should be encouraged.

Pages H892–93

Recess: The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H893**

Presidential Messages: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a report on implementation of PL 107–228 concerning Russian Debt Reduction for Nonproliferation—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (108–171); and **Pages H880–81**

Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to enter into a free trade agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (108–172). **Page H881**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H877.

Senate Referral: S. 741 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and S. Con. Res. 96 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H877**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H927–28.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H893–94, H894–95, H895**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Teachers and Math and Science Education. Testimony was heard from Vicki Bernstein, Director, Alternative Certification, Department of Education, New York City; and public witnesses.

NONPROLIFERATION: ASSESSING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emergency Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Nonproliferation: Assessing Missile Technology Export Controls.

Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert W. Maggi, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Directorate Defense Trade Controls, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Tome H. Walters, Jr., USAF, Defense Security Cooperation Agency; and Lisa Bronson, Deputy Under Secretary, Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation; Andrew Feickert, Specialist, National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice: Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of the Solicitor General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Peter Keisler, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Guy Lewis, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys; and Lawrence Friedman, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the committee amendment that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro-forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives KELLER and WATT.

UNINSURED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Uninsured. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

PENSION FUNDING EQUITY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the defense nuclear nonproliferation programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs of the Department of Defense in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005; to be followed by closed hearings in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry relating to the regulatory landscape, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine Argentina's financial crisis, 1 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the use and effects of steroids, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA/Mars exploration program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, S. 1575 and H.R. 1092, both to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, S. 1819 and H.R. 272, both to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, and H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse", S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building", and S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building"; to be followed by a hearing to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:25 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine United States economic and trade policy in the Middle East, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine nonproliferation and arms control issues, focusing on strategic choices, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S.-Haitian relations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine proposed reorganization of major agencies and functions related to Indian trust reform matters within the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter W. Hall, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jane J. Boyle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Marcia G. Cooke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Walter D. Kelley, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the scope and operation of certain tax-exempt organizations registered under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, focusing on their impact on campaign finance laws and federal elections, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to exam-

ine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Extension, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Department of State, Administration of Foreign Affairs, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn and, executive, on Army Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Secretary of State, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Indian Health Services, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10:15 a.m., and on Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 11:20 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Budget Overview, 1 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on GSA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on the Adequacy of the Total Force, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 3873, Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "A Review of the Administration's FY 2005 Health Care Priorities," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing and markup of the following measures: H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2131, to award a congressional gold medal to President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Making Financial Management a Priority at DHS," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Weapons of Mass Destruction, Terrorism, Human Rights and the Future of U.S.-Libyan Relations, 10:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Human Rights Practices Around the World:

A Review of the State Department's 2003 Annual Report, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 President's Budget for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Perspectives on the President's Vision for Space Exploration, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Spike in Metal Prices: What Does it Mean for Small Manufacturers?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up H.R. 3879, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Social Security, joint hearing on Social Security Number and Individual Tax-

payer Identification Number Mismatches and Misuse, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Intelligence Community Budget overview, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive hearing on Intelligence Community-Military Coordination in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Proposed Information Analysis Budget for Fiscal Year 2005," 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2005, where Senator Ensign will be recognized for up to 30 minutes; following which, Senator Murray will be recognized to offer an amendment; following which, Senator Graham (SC), or his designee, will be recognized to offer an amendment.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 10

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions: (1) H.R. 2714, State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act;

(2) H.R. 2391, Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act;

(3) H. Con. Res. 15, Commending India on its celebration of Republic Day; and

(4) H. Res. 540, expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski.

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